(a) what is the population of Perumannans in the State;

(b) how many boys and girls belonging to this class are studying in the (1) Primary (2) Lower Secondary and (3) Upper Secondary classes in the State;

(c) how many from this caste are now employed in the Government service;

(d) whether the Government have received any application for appointment in Government service from any one belonging to this caste in the last 12 months; and if so,

(e) how many applied; and

(f) how many of them were selected for appointments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) There is no classification as "Perumannans" in the Census Report. If the term however denotes "Velans", the Member is referred to the last Census Report, a copy of which is placed on the Council Table.

(b) The information required has been called for.

(c) None so far as could be ascertained.

(d) Yes.

(e) Two from the information available.

(f) None.

Improvement of the road leading from the Edakunni road at Tiruvillakavu.

220. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received petitions from the inhabitants of Vallachira for improving, etc., of the road leading from the Edakunni road at Tiruvillakavu;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, how many petitions they have received and what actions they have taken or propose to take upon them?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Eight petitions. The request is under the consideration of the Government.

Article in the Prabhatham about the Police.

221. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to a note under the heading "പൊല്ലീസ്സിന്റെ അഴിമതി" on the 14th page of the Prabhatham (Palghat) (Vernacular) paper of 25th November 1929; if so, what action have tney taken?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes; on enquiry the allegations were found to be false.

Arappu Thodu.

222. മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—അറപ്പുതോട് പണിയെ

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സംബന്ധിച്ച് ലോകമലേശ്വരം, മേത്തല, എടവിലങ്ങ് ഗ്രൂപ്പ് പഞ്ചായത്തുകൾ വല്ലപ്രമേയങ്ങളൊ, കത്തുകളൊ അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അവ മേശപ്പുറത്തുവെയ്ക്കുവാൻ ഒരുവുണ്ടാകുമൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ.—മേത്തല പഞ്ചായത്തിൽ നിന്നും ഹർജികൾ കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ട്. അവയുടെ പകർപ്പുകൾ കൌൺസിൽ മേശപ്പുറത്തു വെച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

Hydro-Electric Scheme.

223. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to furnish the following information :—

(1) the work done, if any, during the first four months of the year in connection with the Hydro-Electric Scheme proposed at or near Peringalkuttu ;

(2) if the activity was confined to investigation alone, what was the nature of the investigation conducted so far, who conducted the same and the results obtained, if any ;

(3) is the progress of investigation reported upon periodically; and if so, will the Government be pleased to place the last report on the Table of the House ,

(4) within how many years do the Government expect the completion of the work, if the scheme is accepted and decided upon ;

(5) is the Government aware that the Pykara Hydro-Electric project is expected to be completed in about 2 years and-a-half, and that Cochin is mentioned as one of the possible consumers of power generated under that scheme ;

(6) have the Government perused the discussions in the October sessions of the Madras Legislature relating to a motion for a supplementary grant of Rs. 5,42,000 in connection with the Pykara Scheme;

(7) when did the "Cochin Electric Co., Ltd.," apply for a license to supply electricity in Mattancheri, and when was it granted, with the reasons for delay ;

(8) did not the said Company supply power off and on to persons and institutions before the grant of the license ;

(9) is not such use of power an offence under Regulation III of 1102 and Rules thereunder ;

(10) has any notice been taken of such use; and if so, what?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The site of the Hydro Electric falls was inspected by the Diwan and the Chief Engineer and the previous reports on the subject were checked at the spot.

It was decided that a branch line of the tramways from Karaparakutty to Peringalkuttu is a condition precedent to the

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